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ACTION EB-08

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E.O.11652: N/A  
TAGS: ENRG, IS  
SUBJ: INCREASE IN PRODUCTION OF OIL AT ISRAELI ALMA FIELD -  
GULF OF SUEZ

REF: 77 TEL AVIV 10582

1. LOCAL PRESS JANUARY 12, 1978 QUOTED MINENERGY MODA'I AS SAYING THAT ALMA III HAD STRUCK OIL AT ABOUT THE SAME DEPTH AS ALMA II AND THAT ADDITIONAL WELLS WOULD BE DRILLED AT FIFTY DAY INTERVALS TO A TOTAL OF ABOUT 10 TO 12 WELLS. THE PRESS INDICATED THAT COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION WILL START ABOUT MARCH 1 AND THE ULTIMATE YIELD OF THE FIELD WILL BE BETWEEN 40,000 AND 80,000 BBL. PER DAY.

2. DR. NATHAN ARAD, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE ISRAELI NATIONAL ENERGY AUTHORITY, TOLD EMBOFF JAN. 12 THAT PRESS REPORT WAS SUBSTANTIALLY CORRECT. HE SAID THAT THE FIND AT ALMA III WAS AT A HIGHER ELEVATION THAN  
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ALMA II AND THAT THE GOI WAS VERY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PRODUCTION PROSPECTS.  
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## Message Attributes

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